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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): The high risk classes of processed meats products are identified as heat treated and ready to eat (RTE) categorized in classes 1, 2, 6, 10, 12 and unspecified RTE products listed in clause 5.3 of SANS 885, which are as follows: a) Class 1 - Whole muscle, cured, heat treated products; b) Class 2 - Whole muscle, uncured, heat treated or partial heat treated products; c) Class 6 - Comminuted, cured, heat treated products; d) Class 10 - Comminuted, uncured and heat treated products; e) Class 12 - Reformulated, cured, heat treated; and f) Class 14 - Unspecified class i.e. Any other unspecified RTE processed meats product.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Compulsory Specification for Processed Meat Products (VC9100). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 9 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ZAF/18_3988_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This compulsory specification (VC9100) requires that high risk (heat treated and ready to eat) processed meat products for human consumption which are offered for sale, complies with the microbiological requirements for disease-causing organisms, the hygiene requirements for the factory/processing facility, equipment and for employees outlined in the referenced SANS 885. The compulsory specification also requires that the principles of HACCP, as recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, as a minimum, be used for the implementation of a product safety management system.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/RCP 1-1969 General Principles of Food Hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: SANS (South African National Standard) 885: Processed meat products</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After all comments are taken into consideration.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Two months after the date of publication.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 September 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nrccs.org.za</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) Private Bag X25 Brooklyn 0075 Tel: +(27 12) 482 8930 E-mail: maphuti.kutu@nrccs.org.za</p>